

August 4, 2014

Dianne Workman
1797 West Gaulbert Avenue
Louisville, KY 40210

Dear Ms. Workman:

At a court hearing held on 8/1/2014, Oshae Crawford, charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking, was referred to our agency, Restorative Justice Louisville (RJL), by the Jefferson County District Court. As the person identified as the victim of this crime we would like to discuss how our process can benefit you and your family. We also wish you to understand your participation with our conference process is voluntary. I will provide a brief description of RJL and our conference process here and also enclose an informational sheet for you to review.

Restorative Justice Louisville Group Conferencing process offers you a unique opportunity to:

- Voluntarily meet with the offender(s) face to face.
- Ask and receive answers to questions about the offense only the offender(s) can provide.
- Explain the impact of the offense, including feelings and frustrations, directly to the person(s) who should hear them.
- If appropriate, determine the amount and payment schedule for restitution with the offender directly.
- Have an opportunity to be directly involved with how the offender is held accountable for this offense.

While the Family Group Conference process is not appropriate for all cases, nor is it a cure-all for crime in our communities, many people have found it a worthwhile experience. You should also know that with this court referral, Oshae has preliminarily agreed to consider participating in this program and accept responsibility for their actions on this offense.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to learn more about the Family Group Conference process.

We ask you to contact us as soon as possible so we can begin the conference process. If I am not available when you call, please leave your phone number and a time that is most convenient for me to reach you. We ask that you contact us as quickly as possible so that we can initiate the appropriate contacts and the conference process.

Thank you for considering participating with our process.

Sincerely,

Libby Mills, Executive Director
Restorative Justice Louisville